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The Wise Action of the Georgia Legislature—Col. H. A. Rucker's Office Rated a No. One—The Women at Work—The Social Whirl—Gate City News.

Atlanta, Ga., Special:—Col. W. A. Pledger of Georgia has just been named as Chairman of the Republican State Committee of that state, succeeding Mr. W. H. Johnson who for several years has filled that position. This action puts Col. Pledger at the head of the party in Georgia and is an honor worthily bestowed. He is at present in Washington looking after the interests of some of his constituents and is receiving congratulations on all sides. There is no more fearless and hard working republican and his friends are numbered all over the country. He has been engaged for years in the practice



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of law in his state where he has won high honor at the bar, the firm of Pledger, Johnson and Malone ranking among the foremost.

The Georgia legislature has twice this session, by a very decisive vote, on both occasions exhibited the true American Christian spirit by defeating two nefarious, despicable, devilish and un-Godly measures. One was introduced by a would be Congressman to succeed Hon. W. H. Fleming of the Augusta district, and the other by an ex-Congressman of the old Ben Hill district. The first one was to disfranchise the colored voter to the tune of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. But out of a vote of 175 the measure received only 17 votes. The other one was to separate the taxes paid by the two races in the State for educational purposes, and to apportion to each race just what that race pays. This too was defeated in the Senate out of a vote of 44 the measure received only 13 votes. In this connection I think it but just to say that the defeats of these measures in a large degree is due to the over watchfulness of Rev. Dr. H. H. Proctor, pastor of the First Congregational church here, who is always on the lookout for the interest of the race, and whenever he sees a disturbance of any kind he immediately calls to his aid such men as Drs. W. E. B. DuBois, W. H. Croghan, J. W. E. Bowen, J. M. Henderson, H. R. Butler, Hons. H. A. Rucker, C. C. Wimbish, Profs. G. A. Towns, John Hope, Mej. S. W. Easley Jr., and others of like type. When these men speak they say something that the world will listen to.

I happened in the office of the Collector of Revenue for Georgia, Hon. H. A. Rucker, last Friday or Saturday morning and found him reading a letter that every line in his face

was yielding to some uncontrollable force within and his countenance was radiant and illumed with bright smile. I inquired of the cause of all this. He said the letter was from the Commissioner of Revenue at Washington notifying him that his office was rated at No. 1—this being the highest grade in the whole service. The rating was based upon the report of a special agent from the Treasury Department who had recently made a thorough examination of Mr. Rucker's office and the report of his field deputies. This also means that not a single error was found in any of the many departments of the revenue service. This office has had this rating only twice in its history and both times under Collector Rucker. This record is respectfully submitted to the small white men who hope to succeed Mr. Rucker because forsooth they are white, with not one hundredth parts of the executive ability or education possessed by Collector Rucker.

There is soon to be wedding here in high life. The contracting parties being a prominent public school teacher and a prominent postman.

The ladies of the free Kindergarten Association had an election of officers last Monday afternoon and the following were elected: President, Mrs. C. C. Wimbish; vice president, Mrs. Wm. Wilkins; secretary, Mrs. Rev. Dr. J. D. Stinson; treasurer, Mrs. Howell Lawrence; chairman of the executive board, Mrs. S. W. Easley, Jr. These ladies are doing a great work for the poor children.

Dr. W. G. Alexander, the pulpit orator and formerly pastor of Big Bethel church here, but now of Macon, Ga., preached to a large congregation at Bethel last Sunday night. He also delivered a lecture on Monday night at the same church to an even larger crowd. The Doctor is one of the ripest scholars and finest pulpit orators in the A. M. E. Connection.

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